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## STATE OF ALASKA NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF THE NORTHWEST COOK INLET UNIT

The Department of Natural Resources (Department) gives notice of an application to form the Northwest Cook Inlet Unit. 11 AAC 83.311. The proposed Northwest Cook Inlet Unit (NWU) is located within the Cook Inlet of Alaska adjacent to the North Cook Inlet Unit. The Unit Operator, Buccaneer Alaska, LLC (Buccaneer), whose address is 2500 Tanglewilde Avenue, Suite 340, Houston, TX 77063, filed the NWU application with the Department on July 12, 2010.

The proposed NWU covers approximately 10,008 acres within six State of Alaska leases, which includes all or portions of the following lands:

Township 12 North, Range 9 West, Seward Meridian, Sections 1-4, 9, 12, 16-20; and

Township 12 North, Range 10 West, Seward Meridian, Sections 13-14, 23-26.

In accordance with 11 AAC 83.306, geological, geophysical, and engineering data were submitted in support of the application. The unit will be approved if consistent with 11 AAC 83.303 and other applicable statutes and regulations.

Copies of the non-confidential portions of the application, including accompanying exhibits and materials, may be obtained by writing the Division of Oil and Gas, Units Section, 550 West 7<sup>th</sup> Ave., Suite 1100, Anchorage, AK 99501-3560. The department charges a photocopy fee of \$0.25 per sheet. 11 AAC 05.010(a)(16)(C).

Any person may file written comments on the application. Comments must be received by 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, September 14, 2010, and should be mailed to the Division of Oil and Gas, at the above address, to the attention of Patricia Bettis, Unit Manager. The Department will review and consider all timely written comments. The Commissioner will approve or disapprove the proposed unit application considering the criteria contained in 11 AAC 83.303, 11 AAC 83.351 and 11 AAC 83.356, within 60 days after the close of the public comment period. Individuals or groups of people with disabilities, who require special accommodations, auxiliary aids or services, or alternative communication formats, please contact Celeste Hayes at (907) 269-8507, or TDD (907) 269-8411 (at least 5 days before end of comment period).

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Kevin R Banks, Director Division of Oil and Gas

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